



**LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND**  
**CRICKET FOUNDATION**

# **Safeguarding Policy Statement**



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## 1. Introduction

Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket Foundation is committed to ensuring all children (i.e. all persons under the age of 18 years) participating in cricket, have a safe and positive experience.

Please see the following:

1. Putting things in place
2. Having the right people in place
3. What to do if you have a concern
4. Cricket specific guidance

## 2. Putting things in place

We recognise all children participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, or disability) have the right to have fun and be protected from harm, in a safe environment.

We ensure individuals working within cricket at, or for, our Foundation provide a welcoming, safe, and fun experience for children. We provide an environment where the views of children, parents and volunteers are sought and are welcome on a range of issues. This will help us create an environment where people can voice any concerns (about suspected child abuse/neglect and/or about poor practice) to our designated safeguarding officers.

We adopt and implement the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children." We ensure all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the Foundation are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation.

## 3. Having the Right People in Place

Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket Foundation has appointed a County Safeguarding Officer for Leicestershire and Rutland cricket. These details are:

County Safeguarding Officer: **Lesley Alden**

Email address: [lesleyalden@leicestershireccc.co.uk](mailto:lesleyalden@leicestershireccc.co.uk)

Safeguarding mobile telephone number: **07907727684**

Deputy Safeguarding Officers: Dave Allen and Jay Bagoan



The role of the County Safeguarding Officer is to provide advice and assistance on safeguarding children to clubs, leagues, and other affiliated organisations within our county. The County Safeguarding Officer does this primarily through the network of Foundation Safeguarding Officers.

## **4. What to do if you have a concern**

We ensure all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately. We ensure access to confidential information relating to child safeguarding matters, is restricted to those who need to know, in order to safeguard children. This would include the County and Club Safeguarding Officer and appropriate external authorities, such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within ECB child safeguarding procedures.

There are a number of ways to report a concern:

- To your Club or County Safeguarding Officer.
- To the Cricket Regulator at ECB directly by calling 020 7432 1200 and asking for a member of the Safeguarding Team.
- By emailing [safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk)
- The NSPCC 24-hour helpline (if you cannot contact the above) 0808 800 5000.
- If it is an emergency and someone is at immediate risk, then call the Police or Children's Social Care in your area.

## **5. Cricket Specific Advice**

We ensure all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the Foundation are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practice and Code of Conduct guidelines as defined by the ECB and the club. We ensure all people who work in cricket at, or for, our club (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches and so on) understand how the "Safe Hands Policy" applies to them.